The great peace debate which went oft until, almost without hose who participated in it noticing, it had become a war debate, eached no clear conclusions. Again and again, and in a variety >f ways, the problem was stated, expounded, elucidated, but till remained intractable—so many desiring peace, and the possi- bility, then probability, then certainty, of war none the less remaining. It is not the first time that this problem has been :onsidered, nor will it be the last. Many have marvelled that with so deep and widespread a longing for peace, fifty warless years should be a rarity,[18] that peoples tend to look back with most pleasure on the most warlike periods of their history, and that the most beloved leaders are those who summon their followers, not to live, but to die. Has any man of peace in his lifetime commanded the devotion of a Mohammed or a Napoleon ? Has any scheme for procuring happiness and security been as productive of fanaticism and self-sacrifice as war ? The liberal commonly assumes that what men most desire is easy cir- cumstances, and the pacifist that what they most desire is to remain alive. Both are understandably bewildered when they and the benefits they offer are swept contemptuously aside in favour of one who promises his followers only privations and death. Seen from a prebendary stall, a *sadhu* ecstatically reclining on his bed of nails is incomprehensible, and even the Crucifixion

[18] See *All in a Maze* by Daniel George and Rose Macaulay, a selection of extracts from the writings of the last 2,500 years which show that there have never lacked impressive expositions of the folly of war and

of the excellence and desirability of peace—for instance, from St. Augustine's *The City of God:*

'Whoever gives even moderate attention to human affairs and to our common nature, will recognise that there is no man who does not wish to be joyful, neither is there anyone who does not wish to have peace. For, even they who make war desire nothing but victory—desire, that is to sayf to attain to peace with glory. For what else is victory than the conquest oe those who resist us ? And when this is done there is peace. It is therefore with the desire for peace that war is waged, even by those who take pleasur in exercising their warlike nature in command or battle. And hence it is obvious that peace is the end sought for by man. For every man seeks peace by waging war, but no man seeks war by making peace/